



MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2015

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COVINA CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COVINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/COVINA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/COVINA HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 125 EAST COLLEGE STREET, COVINA, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the Council/Agency/Authority meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with all City Council Members present, announced a brief recess to closed session, and that closed session would be reconvened after open session due to time constraints. There were no public comments. The City Council recessed to closed session at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Walter Allen III, Peggy A. Delach, Jorge Marquez, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice-Chair Kevin Stapleton, and Mayor/Chair John C. King.

Council Members Absent: None.

Elected Members Present: City Treasurer Geoffrey Cobbett and City Clerk Mary Lou Walczak.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Andrea M. Miller, City Attorney Craig Fox, Police Chief Kim Raney, Public Works Director Siobhan Foster, Community Development Director Brian Lee, Human Resources Director Danielle Tellez, Parks and Recreation/Library Director Amy Hall-McGrade, Acting Assistant Fire Chief Jim Enriquez, Assistant to the City Manager Angel Carrillo, Community Development Consultant Nancy Fong, Assistant Planner Vidal Marquez, GIS Technician James Knox, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Sharon F. Clark.

CLOSED SESSION

A. G.C. §54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— PENDING LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Facts and Circumstances: Receipt of a claim pursuant to the Government Claims Act and threat of litigation

Claimant: Loera, Roberto

RECONVENE AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King reconvened the meeting into open session at 7:36 p.m. and announced that all Council Members were present.

City Attorney Fox announced that nothing needed to be reported at this time, as it had been announced that closed session would be reconvened after open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Delach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Police Chaplain Dave Truax gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

Charter Oak Advanced Choral Ensemble "ACE"

Mayor King introduced Charter Oak Advanced Choral Ensemble "ACE", who then performed three songs, led by Choir Director Rebecca Schmalzbach.

Covina Chamber of Commerce Presentation to the Covina Police Department K-9 Program

John Brittain and Dawn Nelson, representing the Covina Chamber of Commerce, presented a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Police Chief Raney for the Covina Police Department's K-9 Program. Police Chief Raney thanked the Chamber of Commerce for its continued generosity and donation, and wished Ms. Nelson a Happy Birthday. The Council then sang Happy Birthday to Ms. Nelson.

Recognition of Reynolds Buick – GMC 100 Years of Serving Covina

A plaque of recognition was presented by Mayor King to Don Reynolds of Reynolds Buick - GMC in recognition of 100 years of service to Covina. Council Member Allen commented on salesman Dean who made the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest-standing car salesman at one location. City Manager Miller announced that the dealership would be featured in an article in the upcoming edition of *Covina Today*.

Recognition of Recipients of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Good Corporate Citizens Certificates of Recognition

Mayor King presented certificates of recognition for being leaders in environmental stewardship and good corporate citizens to: Apricot Designs, President/Owner Felix Yu and Controller Ted Wong; CEC Vibration Products, Inc., Jeff Copeland; Rayne Water Conditioning, Kathy Slimmac; and recognized Haemonetics Manufacturing, Inc., and Stabile Plating Co., Inc., who did not have representatives present to accept.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member of the public Leonard Wayne Rose commented on the El Niño safety campaign; 211 Los Angeles County helpline card for the homeless, and having a giving spirit; invited Council to make an appointment with Pastor Lee of Covina Assembly of God to speak about the upcoming Council elections; and presented Council with Christmas cards.

Member of the public Jen Johnson, Covina resident and business owner, commented on her email sent to Mayor King and copied to Council on December 5, 2015, on the recent mass shooting, and requested that Council take two actions: 1) To join Mayors Against Illegal Guns, an affiliate of the non-profit organization Everytown.org, on behalf of the city; and 2) To put

together a task force of diverse, concerned residents to explore what can be done to prevent another mass shooting.

COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY COMMENTS

Council Member Marquez commended the City and staff for the Christmas Parade; announced that he and Mayor King had attended Bob Cruz' retirement from the Charter Oak Unified School District Board event; that Bill Knoll had retired from the Covina Valley Unified School District Board and expressed his regrets for not being able to attend the event, but wished them both his best; thanked Jen Johnson for sharing her concerns, made a motion to look at having a task force for the city to discuss what can be done to combat gun violence, and commented that ultimately, the decision is up to the Mayor of whether to join Mayors Against Illegal Guns Coalition. Council Member Delach responded that it may be more appropriate to obtain a short report from the Police Department with information and statistics that may not be known by the general public, and then decide if a task force should be formed. Police Chief Raney agreed to present a report at the January 19, 2016, Council meeting.

Council Member Delach announced that she had also attended Bob Cruz' retirement event, commended his accomplishments for Charter Oak Unified School District and wished him well; reported on the Foothill Transit Board Meeting; commended the Christmas Parade event; commented on the energy-wise award presented to the City by San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for reaching gold status for energy-efficiency and challenged staff to reach the highest level - platinum; and wished all a happy holiday.

Council Member Allen commended staff and parade volunteers for a job well-done on the Christmas Parade; requested that Council refine the request made to Police Chief Raney as Mayors Against Illegal Guns Coalition is a gun-control group, and the report should reflect what's happening with terrorism rather than gun control; and commented that the Police Department is already making efforts to provide better safety by looking at putting cameras on school campuses. Mayor King and Council Member Delach agreed to Council Member Allen's request to refine the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Stapleton reported on the Sanitation District meeting and Council Of Governments Merry Mingle event; commended the Parks and Recreation Department for the Christmas Parade; expressed his disappointment on the attack on Grace Napolitano by a political rival that was published in the newspaper; commented on the Police Volunteer appreciation lunch and Sage Chevrolet grand-opening; encouraged the community to shop locally for Small Business Saturday; and wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, a happy and prosperous New Year, and advised the community to drive safely.

Mayor King commended staff and volunteers for their hard work and effort that was put into the Christmas Parade; recognized Mark Coon, Police Department Volunteer of the Year; thanked Police volunteers for the thousands of hours they have committed to the community; commended Tom Ridley and the Covina Concert Band; gave a reminder of the City's holiday schedule and closures; reported on the Wine Walk and thanked the Covina Downtown Association for the event; and requested to adjourn in memory of Janice Wood Gratten, detailed her volunteer activities and contributions to the community, and invited her neighbor, Doug Tozer, to comment on her life. Following Mr. Tozer's comments, Mayor Pro Tem Stapleton and Council Member

Allen joined in the adjournment request. In closing, Mayor King read a list of those honored through adjournment in their memory in the year of 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Stapleton commented on a water leak on Rowland Avenue that he reported on December 2, 2015, to the Public Works Department, presented pictures of the repair in progress, and commended the Water Division and Public Works Director Foster for their great repair job and response time.

Mayor King thanked Sage Chevrolet for donating \$5,000.00 toward the new Joslyn Senior Center. City Manager Miller added that donations are being accepted for those interested in making a contribution toward the \$6.5 million budget needed for the project.

In closing, Mayor King thanked the Downtown Covina Association for putting on Winter Wonderland which will take place in Downtown Covina on December 17-19, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS- None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Stapleton, seconded by Council Member Delach, the City Council approved Consent Calendar items CC 1 through CC 9.

Motion approved the Consent Calendar items CC 1 through CC 9 as follows:

AYES: ALLEN, DELACH, KING, MARQUEZ, STAPLETON

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- CC 1. City Council approved the Minutes of the November 17, 2015, and December 1, 2015, Regular meetings of the City Council/Successor Agency to the Covina Redevelopment Agency/Public Financing Agency/Housing Authority.
- CC 2. City Council approved the Payment of City demands in the amount of \$1,795,074.59.
- CC 3. Successor Agency to the Covina Redevelopment Agency approved the Payment of Agency demands in the amount of \$61,713.67.
- CC 4. City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-7436** confirming continued existence of an emergency condition for Roycove Reservoir and Pump Station and approved Change Order No. 1.
- CC 5. City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-7437** accepting an easement on Hollenbeck Avenue for street and highway purposes associated with development of property at southwest corner of 500 W. San Bernardino Road.
- CC 6. City Council directed staff to set a public hearing date of January 5, 2016, for the consideration of Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 73455 (One Charter Oak project), a subdivision of sixty-three single-family lots and two lots for parkland located generally at 800 North Banna Avenue-APN: 8427-003-901.

- CC 7. City Council received and filed information on the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance adopted July 15, 2015, due to Governor Brown's Drought Executive Order of April 1, 2015.
- CC 8. City Council approved salary-rate adjustments for classifications subject to the state-mandated minimum-wage increase for 2016.
- CC 9. City Council set a public hearing date of January 5, 2016, for the consideration of all testimony regarding the adoption of a Resolution amending the City of Covina Fee Schedule as it pertains to the Entertainment Ordinance in Title 5 of the Covina Municipal Code.

PUBLIC HEARING

PH 1. Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 73595, a subdivision of four single-family lots at 1732 East Ruddock Street – APN 8427-022-031.

Mayor King opened the public hearing.

The staff report was given by Community Development Consultant Fong who also presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor King opened the public comment period. There was no public comment; therefore, Mayor King closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stapleton, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt **Resolution 15-7435** approving Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 73595.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 15-7435 and approve Public Hearing item PH 1 as follows:

AYES: ALLEN, DELACH, KING, MARQUEZ, STAPLETON
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CONTINUED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Consideration of Urgency Ordinance No. 15-2047 enacting a moratorium on new thrift/second-hand stores.

City Manager Miller provided a brief introduction.

The staff report was presented by Community Development Director Lee.

City Manager Miller commented that City Administration has received complaints from the community about existing thrift stores.

Discussion included the number of thrift/second-hand stores; the effect of the moratorium on existing thrift/secondhand stores; and whether there are any impacts on new antique stores.

City Attorney Fox indicated the zoning code should distinguish antiques from second-hand stores and explained the time frames of the moratorium.

On a motion made by Council Member Allen, seconded by Council Member Delach, the City Council introduced, waived further reading, and adopted **Urgency Ordinance No. 15-2047**, establishing a moratorium on issuing any permits for any new used-merchandise, second-hand, and/or thrift stores or the expansion of any existing used-merchandise stores, second-hand and/or thrift stores for 45 days.

Motion introduced, waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 15-2047 as listed under New Business item NB1, as follows:

AYES: ALLEN, DELACH, KING, MARQUEZ, STAPLETON
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor King wished everyone Happy Holidays, announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Janice Wood Gratten, and recessed to closed session at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor King reconvened the meeting into open session at 9:05 p.m. and announced that all Council Members were present.

City Attorney Fox announced that the City Council/Agency/Authority met in closed session with all members present. There were no reportable actions related to closed session items and that direction was given to staff.

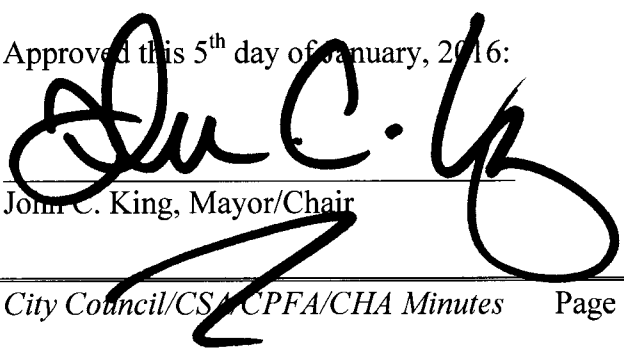
ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 p.m., the meeting of the Covina City Council/Successor Agency to the Covina Redevelopment Agency/Covina Public Finance Authority/Covina Housing Authority was adjourned in memory of Janice Wood Gratten to the next regular meeting of the Council/Agency/Authority Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. for closed session and 7:30 p.m. for open session inside the Council Chamber, 125 East College Street, Covina, California, 91723.

Respectfully Submitted:


Sharon F. Clark, Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved this 5th day of January, 2016:


John C. King, Mayor/Chair